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SUPERIOR COURT UNVEILS NEW TENTATIVE RULINGS SYSTEM

The Ventura Superior Court has launched a new automated system that allows attorneys and the public to access tentative rulings on civil and probate motions using the Internet. It replaces the previous phone-based system that relied on older technology and was labor intensive for the court to operate and maintain.

The ability to access the rulings by telephone has been maintained, however special software now converts the written ruling into an audio recording. This has eliminated the need for secretaries to dictate each tentative ruling. The Internet feature provides the additional benefit of allowing copies of a ruling to be printed for reference or additional review.

The new tentative ruling system can be accessed by visiting the court's website, www.courts.countyofventura.org, or by calling (805) 650-4089. Tentative rulings are available by 4:00 p.m. the day before the hearing and can be accessed any time of the day or night, including weekends. The person making the inquiry must know the case number, case type and hearing date. Approximately 50 tentative rulings are posted daily.

Tentative rulings indicate how a judge intends to rule on an upcoming motion. The information allows attorneys the opportunity to avoid making an appearance in court when they agree with the ruling. It may also advise them of missing documents or information, providing valuable time to correct the problem before the hearing.

The tentative ruling process can save clients money by reducing the number of appearances in court by their attorney, expedite judicial calendars, and save time for both attorneys and the court.

The new Tentative Rulings system was developed by TouchNet of Lenexa, Kansas in conjunction with the Ventura Superior Court.

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